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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, whether the orders of transfer will be directly communicated to the officers concerned?"

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" No, Sir."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know what difficulty there is in sending a copy direct to such officers so that they may know the information beforehand and be prepared?"

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" Because it would entail considerable amount of unnecessary work."

*Legislative proposals for the amendment of the Madras Revenue Recovery Act with reference to the provision for the arrest and imprisonment of defaulters.*

* 684 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals to amend the Revenue Recovery Act so as to delete the provision for arresting and putting in jails of defaulters for arrears of land revenue; and

(*b*) when it is likely to materialise, and when the amending Bill is to come up before the Legislative Council?

*A.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 643.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know when the examination of this matter will be concluded and the Bill brought up?"

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" The report of the Board of Revenue has not been received, Sir."

*Proposals of land revenue remission for the current fasli.*

* 685 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for allowing some remission in land revenue for the current fasli as has been done in the past two faslis;

(*b*) if so, what they are and when orders are likely to be passed in the matter;

(*c*) whether the Collector of each district was asked to submit any report in the matter;

(*d*) whether all such reports have been received; and

(*e*) whether a copy of the report submitted by the Collector of Salem will be placed on the table?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

(*c*) & (*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" With regard to the answers to clause (c), may I know what difficulty there is in placing the report before this House? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" Because I do not think that the report of the Collector should be placed on the table of the House."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" If the work is already taken up, will the Government expedite the order so that relief may be available? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" All in good time."

Mr. A. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI:—" May I know, Sir, if the policy of distributing remission will be based on the economic condition prevailing in the districts? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" I should like to do so, Sir. As I said once before, if any Member could give a satisfactory formula to work out, I shall be only too grateful to him."

Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI:—" Will the Hon. the Revenue Member informally tell the House what the intentions of the Government are in the matter? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" Not even the blandishments of the hon. the Lady Member will make me do that." (Laughter.)

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, whether the report from the Collector of Salem is in favour of or against the remission? "

The Hon. Sir CHARLES SOUTER:—" I cannot reply to that, Sir."

*Report of the Collector of Salem regarding the need for land revenue remission.*

* 686 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special report has been received from the Collector of Salem either by the Government or by the Board of Revenue in the matter of giving some liberal remission on account of the poor condition, and absence of timely rainfall in this district this year;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) what orders have been passed on the report and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

*A.*—The Government have not received any special report in the matter from the Collector of Salem. They have no information as to whether the Board of Revenue has received any such report.